

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1.(original)     A device (1) arranged for receiving activation codes (20) and carrying out a check, for each activation code, whether the code was received in a predetermined order and within a certain time period, the device further being arranged for de-activating an application if the check fails.
2. (original)     The device according to claim 1, wherein the application controls the device itself.
3. (currently amended)     The device according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, further being arranged for receiving the activation codes by reading at least one token (2).
- 4.(original)     The device according to claim 3, wherein each token (2) contains a single activation code (20).
- 5.(original)     The device according to claim 3, wherein the token (2) is re-writable.
- 6.(original)     The device according to claim 3, wherein the token (2) is an optical information carrier, preferably an SFFO disc.
- 7.(original)     The device according to claim 1, wherein the activation codes (20) are constituted by strings of alphanumeric characters each comprising a serial number and/or a version number.
- 8.(original)     The device according to claim 1, wherein the application is a software application executed by the device.

9.(original) A toy comprising a device (1) according to claim 1, the toy preferably comprising an artificial pet.

10.(original) A mobile telephone comprising a device (1) according to claim 1.

11.(original) An optical information carrier (2) for use in a device (1) according to claim 1.

12.(original) A method of de-activating an application (3) or a device (1), the method comprising:

- receiving activation codes (20),
- carrying out a check, for each activation code, whether the code was received in a predetermined order and within a certain time period, and
- de-activating the application or the device if the check fails.

13.(original) The method according to claim 12, wherein the device receives an activation code by reading a token (2).

14.(currently amended) The method according to claim 12~~or 13~~, wherein the token (2) is an optical information carrier, preferably an SFFO disc.